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- Creates flexible, repeatable procedures to control deployments
- Provides templates of common application, database and Web servers
- Built-in extensibility to support individual customer requirements
- Identifies problems prior to deployment
- Enforces separation of duties through role-based security
- Records complete change and event history for auditing

Foglight[®] Release Manager

Plan, Control and Deploy Change for Business-Critical Applications

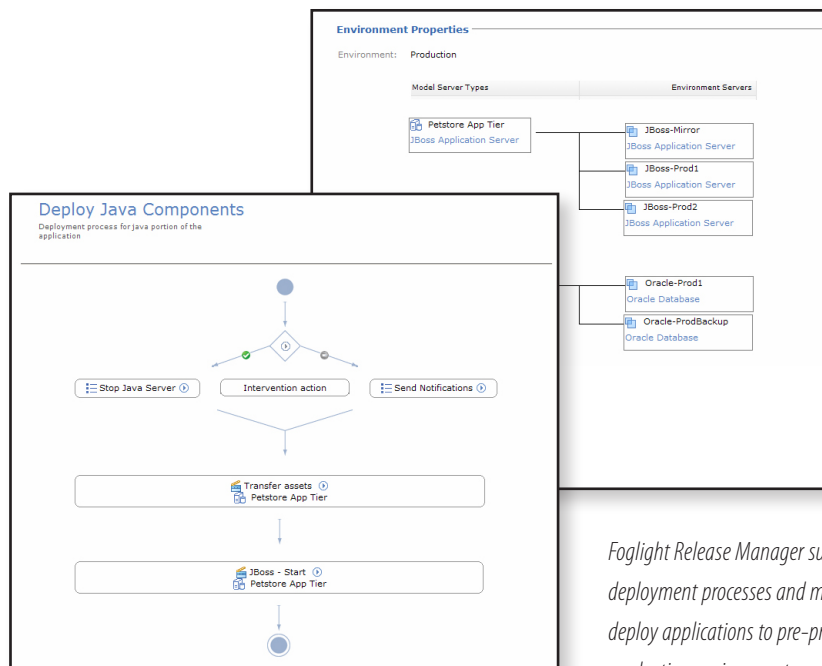
Simplifying Application Release Management

Today's IT organizations use software change management solutions to control the application development process. They also use systems management solutions to monitor application performance and availability in production. This leaves a gap in control at the critical stage of transitioning an application from development to production – the release and deployment stage.

IT organizations need solutions that can fill this gap, help them share knowledge across organizational boundaries and automate manual processes. This ensures a smooth, reliable turnover-to-production process between development and operations.

The Case for Automation

In most cases today, the act of deploying an application into production has been carried out with a combination of manual processes and execution of home-grown scripts. Consequently, managing the release stage of the application lifecycle adds unnecessary complexities to a very critical process. To avoid error-prone deployments and resource intensive processes, today's IT best practices combine automation with controlled manual intervention to create efficient, repeatable and traceable deployments that have the right degree of human control. Making this combination seamless enables users to automate deployments to the degree that fits their comfort zone today with the flexibility to increase it in the future.



Foglight Release Manager supports complex deployment processes and makes it easy to deploy applications to pre-production and production environments.

System Requirements

Software OS:

Foglight Release Manager

Installation - Windows 2000 Server, Windows 2003 Server, Windows XP, RedHat AS WS/ES (Kernel 2.6+)

Network: SSHd (configured and running on all host machines targeted for application deployments)

Hardware:

Processor: 1 GHz (2GHz recommended for 20+ users) Pentium 4 (or equivalent)

RAM: 512 MB (2 GB recommended for 20+ users)

DISK: 10 GB

Web Browser:

Microsoft Internet Explorer (Windows) 5.5 and 6.0, Mozilla Firefox 1.5

Foglight® Release Manager, part of Quest's Application Management portfolio, picks up where traditional software change management products end. Foglight Release Manager provides deployment automation, enforces secure separation of duties, and audits the deployment process for business-critical distributed applications. It enables application architects, release managers and application administrators to release application changes and manage configurations with the speed, discipline, control and visibility required by today's businesses.

Deployment Automation

Model-based Management – With Foglight Release Manager, you can define and configure your unique deployment models independent of deployment targets. This allows your IT Operations staff to create and automate a repeatable, yet flexible process for application deployment, eliminating the need to rebuild for every environment.

Single Solution for All Application Tiers – With Foglight Release Manager, release managers and administrators can assemble procedures for deploying applications in distributed environments that require complex dependencies between deployment steps and all application tiers.

Schedulable Deployments – Foglight Release Manager provides flexibility in execution phase of a deployment, allowing the release team to schedule deployments to run unattended in off-peak hours.

Change Auditing and Security

Change and Operational History Reporting – With industry regulations requiring IT organizations to provide more visibility into their application change processes, it's critical to keep a complete audit trail on all change and operational actions. Foglight Release Manager records changes to your deployment models and activity so managers and auditors can get the "who," "what" and "when" information about application changes.

Role-based Security – One of the challenges in controlling the application release process is enforcing a separation of duties. With Foglight Release Manager, managers can easily define roles and the tasks those roles can perform – ensuring a release management process that meets security and audit requirements.

Flexible Architecture

Custom Script Integration – Foglight Release Manager enables users to integrate home grown scripts into the deployment process, and execute them in a more secure, controlled manner as part of the overall deployment process.

Customize Server Templates – Foglight Release Manager offers pre-defined templates for common application, database and Web servers. It also provides the ability to customize the default settings and behavior to create new server templates in order to best meet an individual customer's requirements.

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